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POLLUTION IN CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the most polluted cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, rank-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for increasing pollution in these cities; and

(d) the measure taken to control the pollution and bring the same under specified limits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The Central Pollution Control Board, in consultation with the State Pollution Control Boards, has identified the polluted cities based on the ambient air quality data for the period 1995-2003. State-wise list of these cities is annexed.

(c) The pollution is mainly due to increase in vehicular traffic, industries, natural geo-climatic conditions and other developmental activities.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to control pollution, which include the following :-

- Notification of general and source specific emission standards.
- Enforcement of auto exhaust emission standards for new vehicles at manufacturing stage.
- Improved fuel quality.
- Use of beneficiated coal in the thermal power stations.
- Implementation of Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection in respect of 17 categories of industries.
- Regular monitoring for compliance of environmental standards.
- Preparation and implementation of city specific action plan for improvement of air quality.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF THE MOST POLLUTED CITIES IN INDIA (Based on Ambient Air Quality data 1995-2003)

S.No.	State	City	S.No.	State	City
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	34.	Nagda	
2.		Visakhapatnam	35.	Satna	
3.	Assam	Guwahati	36.	Maharashtra	Chandrapur
4.	Bihar	Patna	37.		Mumbai
5.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	38.		Nagpur
6.	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai	39.		Nashik

7 Korba 40. Pune

8. Raipur 41. Sholapur

9. Delhi Delhi 42. Meghalaya Shillong
10. Goa Panaji 43. Orissa Angul
11. Gujarat Ahmedabad 44. Rayagada
12. Ankleshwar 45. Rourkala
13. Jamnagar 46. Punjab Gobindgarh
14. Rajkot 47. Ludhiana
15. Surat 48. Jalandhar
16. Vadodara 49. Rajasthan Alwar
17. Vapi 50. Jaipur
18. Haryana Faridabad 51. Jodhpur
19. Yamunagar 52. Kota
20. Himachal Pr. Damtal 53. Udaipur
21. Paonta Sahib 54. Tamil Nadu Chennai
22. Parwanoo 55. Madurai
23. Shimla 56. Uttar Pradesh Agra
24. Jharkhand Dhanbad 57. Anpara
25 Jamshedpur 58. Gajraula
26. Jharia 59. Kanpur
27. Karnataka Bangalore 60. Lucknow
28. Kerala Kottayam 61. Noida
29. Kochi 62. Varanasi
30. Thiruvanantapuram 63. Uttaranchal Dehradun
31. Madhya Pradesh Bhopal 64. West Bengal Howrah
32. Indore 65. Kolkata
33. Jabalpur